From the Principal

A very special welcome to Nicki, Bonnie and Tyler who have joined our Moorook school community recently. Both students are in the Upper Primary Class and we wish them all the very best for their learning journey at Moorook Primary School.

Over the last two days I was very lucky to participate in some excellent training and development for Riverland Leaders called ‘Growth Coaching’. Recent research on ‘winning or successful organisations’ including school settings has actually identified the style of leadership that people seek as being ‘captain-coach leadership’. Here, leaders are part of the team on the field of play yet leading and coaching at the same time. They are building effective relationships and providing a cause to follow. In a nutshell a ‘coach’ is someone who takes the time to have focused conversations with others to help them maximise their capabilities. Coaching is about a way of leading and learning. I am very excited about putting my new learning into action with staff over the coming weeks.

Our Governing Council applied for a Parent’s Initiative Grant (PIE) in Term 1 and we were very excited to be advised recently that our application was successful and that we will receive a grant of $2000. The South Australian Government PIE grants are aimed at helping parent groups like the Governing Council to develop new ways to actively support parents to participate in the education of their children.

We have formed a small Sub-Committee from the Governing Council, consisting of myself, Bec Powditch, Tanya Beames and Jacey Koop. The committee is currently looking for ideas on workshops that could be run to assist parents/caregivers to participate in the education of their children. Some of the ideas may include:

- Nutrition-preparing healthy food,
- Supporting students with anxiety,
- Father/Son or Mother/daughter groups,
- Reading or phonics workshops.

The committee will be sending out a survey in the next few weeks to ask for your thoughts on what you would find helpful. Please return the survey with your ideas as we would like to make the workshops as relevant as possible to our school community. We also warmly invite other parents/caregivers to join the Sub-Committee if they feel that they could help out with the organisation of the project. Thankyou!

ATTENDANCE DATA

The DECD target is 95%. Our attendance rate for the last fortnight was 90%.
At Moorook Primary School we value difference. Everyone has a place in our school community.

Brenton - Pastoral Care Worker

Today we are going to be looking at the final of the External Assets: Constructive Use of Time.

**Asset 17 - Creative Activities**
The young person spends three or more hours a week in lessons or practise in music, theatre or other arts.

**Asset 18 - Youth Programs**
The young person spends three or more hours a week in sports, clubs or organisations at school or in the community.

**Asset 19 - Religious Community**
The young person spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious setting.

**Asset 20 - Time at Home**
The young person is out with friends ‘with nothing special to do’ two or fewer nights per week.

This is the last of the External Assets that can be given to a young person by another. Next time we will be looking at Internal Assets which need to come from the young person themselves. Also young people do not have to have every asset to assure success, but it has been shown that to have three quarters of them certainly produces a successful outcome for young people.
This week in Maths we have been working on authentic problem solving using measurement. Our first problem asked the question “How many cookies can you fit on the cookie tray?” Students were given some information to help them with their problem solving, such as the size of the tray, the size of the cookies and how far apart the cookies needed to be placed on the tray.

There were a variety of ways to solve this problem; some students chose to measure and draw the tray and cookies on paper, while others used blocks and chalk drawn trays on the ground.

In whole school Art over the last 2 weeks we have been working on still-life drawing. After drawing the whole capsicum first, we then drew the capsicum cut in half. Students found this task quite challenging, particularly the curves and shadows of the whole capsicum. However they persevered and produced some amazing drawings which are now on display in our classroom.

A BIG welcome to our two new students, Tyler who is in Year 7 & Bonnie who is in Year 6. They have settled in really well to Moorook Primary School and we are all looking forward to getting to know them better.
SAPSASA SOCCER

Last Friday we had quite a few of our students represent our school at the SAPSASA Soccer carnival in Renmark. Well done to Tony, Kaden, Tessie, Olivia, Madison, Zali, Phoebe, Lanie, Sarah & Taylor who joined with students from Loxton North Primary School. Both the girls and boys teams made it to the finals with the girls team finishing top in their division and 3rd overall.

Great job everyone!

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day. This day is about reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour and regular walking habits amongst our students. Once again this year we are encouraging our students to participate. There will be two starting points for students to choose from, with one point being a shorter distance for the younger students.

Starting Point 1: 8:15am - Corner of Wachtel Rd and Loxton Drive.
Starting Point 2: 8:15am - Moorook Shop.

A teacher supervisor will be waiting at each starting point to walk students to the school. Parents/caregivers also welcome to join in!

SIGNATURE PAVERS

We are considering making another order of personalised “Signature Pavers” like the existing ones around the flag pole in the front yard. The pavers will cost $25 each and can be personalised with your family name or the name of your children. Please let us know in the front office if this is something you would be interested in. Thank you.

ABC RADIO

Last Monday Madison & Sarah were interviewed about our school on the ABC Riverland radio station. They talked about what we have been doing at school and they did a great job answering questions. Well done girls!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note: The school shirts have had a recent price increase, thank you.

Hats: $10  Shirts: $22  Jumpers: $30
Parents:
Thank you for the prompt response for the missing library books. The 4 books that were lost have all been returned.
Thank you, Mrs Jantosik

Hello
You are invited to my Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. Let’s get together, enjoy some tasty treats, and together, we will help beat cancer.

Host
Moorook Primary School

Where
93 Wachtel Road, Moorook

Date
Thursday 26th May 2016

Time
10:30am

Details
We hope you can join us!

RSVP by
25/5/16

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